



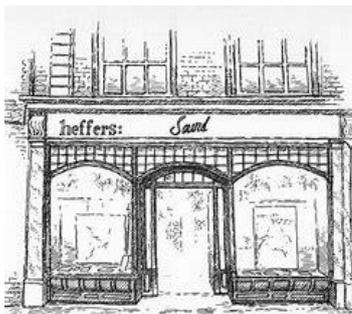
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Christmas is coming, and everyone is busy with preparing for it. It was decided not to hold a monthly Coffee and Talk meeting on 21st December as it falls so close to Christmas Day. So, there will be no meeting in December.

We can, however, look forward to **10.30 on 18th January 2019** for the next meeting when we will have a New Year celebration coffee/tea party. Members are invited to bring 'finger foods' for the buffet, savoury or sweet whichever you prefer. The maximum of six portions per contributor would be ideal. Coffee, tea and juices will be provided.

Continuing with the celebration, we are very happy to welcome Dr. Julie Bounford FRSA to give a talk on **'The Remarkable Story of Heffers Bookshop'**. Julie's knowledge of the subject and indeed Cambridge itself stems her family who have contributed to the town (and gown) life over generations. She has several publications to her name including the history of Heffers Bookshop and the history of labyrinths and mazes.



A complimentary word on the last month's talk on succulent plants by Barry Gayton from member Evelyn Weinstein:-

'Today I attended the monthly meeting. I wasn't really interested in the subject, succulent plants, but wanted to support the group. I'm really glad I did come! Very interesting and I was surprised to learn how the Fibonacci sequence came about, and even what it was! So much I didn't know! I'm still not a lover of succulent plants but I found the speaker entertaining and the photos were superb. Knowledge is never a bad thing and I feel slightly ashamed of myself for thinking this would be a boring subject. No more judgements in advance.'



News from the Groups – Making the Most of your iPad

Some of us with iPads had our first training session with Apple on 15th November which proved to be extremely helpful. Our next meeting has been booked for Wednesday, 5th December at the Apple Store in the Grand Arcade. *Anne Jones*

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Study trip to Madingley Hall

On 30th November a group of 16 members had a very interesting afternoon at Madingley Hall. This 16th century former hunting lodge has a long history including being briefly the student home of Queen Victoria's son, Edward Prince of Wales. Far from being a museum, Madingley Hall today is the thriving home of Cambridge University's Institute of Continuing Education. After a tour of the sumptuous reception rooms and one hidden room, a fine tea was served in the grand saloon.



Study trip to the Houses of Parliament on 18th March 2019.



There are still spaces available for this trip which many would consider to be the chance of a lifetime. If enough people sign up for it, a coach can be hired at a reasonable cost to each member. The Parliament tour itself is free of charge.



Study trip to the Cambridge University Botanical Gardens on 22nd March 2019

This will be a guided tour which will last about 90 minutes. The cost will

be £12 including the admission and tour. As well as touring the extensive gardens it is hoped that visitors can admire the beautiful jade vine (pictured below left) in the hot house.

To register your interest in participating in any study trip, please contact Fran Panrucker through the website. Go to the Groups page, scroll down to the list of groups and click on the link for Study Trips. An email matrix will appear, and you can send your message.

www.u3a.cambourne or
<https://u3asites.org.uk/cambourne>

Outside Organisations

Teresa Lucey is able to run another 6-week yoga course commencing Thursday, 10th January 2019 at 1.00 pm at the Upper Cambourne sports pavilion. Cost £30. Please express your interest with Ann Mead via the website.

Call for news from the groups. Now that groups are becoming established it would be good to hear from the group leaders on how the groups are doing. Some photographs with a paragraph or two would be great. Also, if your group has not quite got off the ground yet, please advertise it via the Bulletin and website. Please contact Christine Tyler, newsletter editor via the website.

Thank You! We on the Steering Committee wish to thank everyone in the C&D U3A for making our first six months of existence so successful. We look forward to many exciting activities and to building friendships while gaining knowledge in 2019.

Meanwhile we wish everyone a very happy Christmas season and a successful New Year.

